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KC MAN INDICTED FOR ENTICING A MINOR

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for enticing a minor for sex.

Mark R. Oxley, 34, of Kansas City, was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Oxley** used an Internet chat room between June 24 and July 19, 2004, to entice an individual under the age of 18 to engage in sexual activity for which a person could be charged with a criminal offense, that is, the felony of attempted statutory rape.

Count Two of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count, which would require **Oxley** to forfeit to the government any property used to commit the offense alleged in Count One, including a Gateway 2000 desktop computer tower.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John E. Cowles. It was investigated by the Platte County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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